Mother Teresa Guild has hosted the Christmas **“Giving Tree”** for many years and we are doing it again this year in a very different way. We will not be putting up a Christmas tree with holiday ornaments/tags, but are still counting on your generosity to make this Christmas season enjoyable for those in need.

The charities we support are NOT taking tangible donations this year, but have requested CASH or GIFT CARDS in amounts of $25 or $50 from Safeway, Fred Meyer, QFC, Target, Amazon or Costco.

**CASH:** If you are not venturing out to stores and would like to give a monetary donation in ANY amount, we would love to accept your checks made payable to **Our Lady of the Lake**. Please designate **“Mother Teresa Guild”** on the check as well as on your envelope. You can mail your checks to OLL at 3517 NE 89th street, Seattle, WA 98115. You can also contribute online at osvonlinegiving.com/1714. All cash donations need to be **received before December 7, 2020.**

**GIFT CARDS:** If the value of the gift card is not indicated/prefilled, please write the amount on the gift card and deliver all gift cards to the parish office during office hours (Monday -Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm). You can ring the doorbell or just drop the gift cards in the mail slot **before December 7, 2020.** Please remember to wear your mask when you do the drop off in person.

Gift cards and cash donations will be distributed to the following charities based on needs. If you have a passion for one of these specific charities and wish to give only to that charity, we would ask that you donate directly to that charity.  Our Lady of the Lake parishioners gave over 500 gift items in prior years to our OLL Giving Tree.  We hope that we can match or exceed this extraordinary level of generosity this year

* Eastside Baby Corner: low income newborns and infants (prefers Costco gift cards)
* New Beginnings: women and children of abuse (gift cards or cash)
* Ryther Child Center: youth affected by physical abuse, emotional neglect, substance abuse and violence (cash or gift cards)
* Solid Ground (Santos Place, Sandpoint Housing): single adults in transitional housing (prefers gift cards)
* Mercy Housing: affordable housing and services for low-income families, seniors, individuals and people with special needs (prefers gift cards)
* St. Martin de Porres Shelter: homeless men (prefers cash to purchase tangible items)
* Youth Care: homeless youth (cash or gift cards)
* St. Francis House: homeless or needy men, women and children (prefers cash or Amazon gift cards)
* Lake City Holiday Project: needy children in the Lake City area (cash or gift cards)

Any questions: Shavaun (206-524-9661, shavaun@msn.com) OR Whitni (206-949-9060, whitnifun@gmail.com ).

Thank you in advance for your always generous support and compassion.  Your gifts will provide our neighbors in need with warmth and cheer at this time of year when our community's needs are so great.

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